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1997 captains Peyton Manning (left) and Leonard Little (right).

Manning, Little Chosen Vol Football Captains

Quarterback Peyton Manning and defensive end Leonard Little were elected captains of the 1997 Tennessee football team, as released March 31. Alternate captains elected were defensive tackle Bill Duff, wide receiver Marcus Nash, defensive end Jonathan Brown and center Trey Teague.

"I'm very pleased with the young men the players have selected as captains of our team," head coach Phillip Fulmer said. "These seniors have distinguished themselves as leaders on the field, in the classroom and in the community. They are truly outstanding young men who will be carrying the Volunteer banner and providing a good example for our young players."

In a related story, Tennessee held its first scrimmage of the spring Saturday, April 5, at sun-splashed Neyland Stadium with a number of big plays on both sides of the ball. Peerless Price and Jeremaine Copeland each caught TD passes, both from nine yards out. Mark Levine had a 58-yard run, which looked to be six points until Dwayne Goodrich saved the score by knocking Levine out of bounds at the 2. Goodrich, who had four tackles, added an interception for a score, stepping in front of a Vol wideout and scooting 45 yards for the score.

Look for complete Orange and White Game coverage in our next issue.

Vol Netters Fall at LSU

The No. 72 Tennessee Volunteers were hoping to take home their first SEC win of the season in Baton Rouge, but dropped its 10th loss of the season and sixth in the SEC after falling to the No. 14 Tigers 7-0.

The Tigers came out strong by winning all three courts in doubles action to take an early 1-0 lead. In singles, they never looked back while cruising to take all six matches. The Vols have lost seven straight to LSU dating back to 1990 when they won the SEC Championship.

UT Track Battles at Florida Relays

In wrapping up a Spring Break swing through the Sunshine State, the Tennessee track and field team took part in the Florida Relays on Friday and Saturday. Bill Webb's Vols captured a number of impressive showings in the 54th-annual spectacle, including a victory in the 4x1600 relay on Friday night and a win by Aaron Ausmus in the shot put on Saturday.

The Volunteer 4x1600 meter relay squad took the team's only victory of the evening, posting a time of 16:59.36. Meanwhile, Ausmus was victorious in the shot put by virtue of his NCAA automatic qualifying effort of 62-04. A junior from Lafollette, Ausmus followed up that winning performance with a fourth-place effort of 176-05 in the discus.

The Vols returned to action after a week off with their participation in the Sea Ray Relays, held on the UT campus April 11-12 at Tom Black Track.

Linksters Compete at The Farm

The Tennessee golf team was in Dalton, Ga., for one of the largest tournaments of the season, in which 17 of the top 50 teams in the country were represented. The Vols finished in 13th place, 21 strokes behind tournament champion Auburn. The Vols returned to action April 11-13 at the Billy Hitchcock Intercollegiate in Opelika, Ala.

Indoor Season Ends at NCAAs

The Lady Vol track and field team concluded its indoor season at the NCAA Championships without much fanfare. Yet, sophomore Kelli White, one of four team members to qualify for the meet, set a personal record of 23.83 in the preliminaries of the 200m dash. However, she did not advance to the finals, nor did the 4x400m relay team, thus failing to register a point in the team standings.

Tennis Win Streak Reaches Five

The 21st-ranked Lady Vol tennis team is moving back up the national ladder, having won a season-high five consecutive matches, upsetting three teams along the way. UT toppled No. 19 Brigham Young (6-3), No. 24 Indiana (5-1) and No. 12 Notre Dame (6-3). Leading the way for the Lady Vols has been sophomore Emily Woodside who is undefeated in both singles and doubles during the stretch. Tennessee is in the midst of a seven-match homestand, before it closes out the regular season with two road matches. Their winning streak came to an end however, as No. 6 ranked Georgia defeated the Lady Vols 7-2 at the UT Varsity Courts.

Rowing Makes Case For NCAA Bid

The Lady Vol Rowing team has entered its second season looking to qualify for the first-ever NCAA Rowing Championships in Sacramento, Calif. The team started off the year with strong performances in the Tennessee Cup and the Lexus Invitational, winning both overall team trophies, but fell to Miami (Fla.) 3-2 in its first match race.

Golf Wins Second Tournament of Year

With a talented and experienced lineup, the Lady Vol golf team is positioning itself for a strong stretch run. Tennessee claimed its second tournament championship of the year by outshooting second-place North Carolina by three strokes. The fourth-ranked Lady Vols carded a three-day total of 890 and were paced by junior Erin Eurczewski, who finished in a tie for third, with sophomore Jessica Lindbergh not far behind in a tie at seventh. The Lady Vols could also claim their first-ever SEC Championship this year, when the event takes place in Columbia, S.C., from Apr. 18-20.

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The First Word...

There's something about a coach that affects you even after your playing days are over.

In Bob Gilbert's book about General Neyland, Gilbert writes perceptively about Vol Hall of Famer Ed Molinski choking back the tears as he talked about Neyland's influence on his life and his decision to become a doctor.

When the East Tennessee Chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame decided to honor former Vol Jimmy Hahn, a blocking back from 1949-51 who was named the SEC's best blocker in that national championship season 46 years ago, with its Distinguished American Award, given by the East Tennessee Chapter to a man who "carries the lessons learned in the game of football to a life of service in the community." Hahn had similar sentiments about Neyland's influence.

"An interview with General Neyland influenced my decision to attend the University of Tennessee," Hahn wrote, citing his three-year career at Tennessee (1949-51) during which the Vols were 7-2-1, 11-1, and 10-1 in what were to be among the final Neyland years, just before the General stepped down in 1952.

Hahn also indicated that Neyland influenced his decision to be a Regular Army Officer upon his graduation from UT in June 1952. The Army became his life for two decades. He was an assistant Earl Blaik at Army in 1958, had two ROTC tours at the University of Virginia, had several assignments at Fort Benning and Fort Bragg and overseas in Japan., Korea, Vietnam and West Germany. He earned the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service with four Bronze stars, Republic of Vietnam Commendation Medals and the Meritorious Service Medal.

He has owned Virginia Realty Ltd. in Charlottesville since 1977. He has been an active part of his community and has been a good ambassador of Tennessee his entire professional career.

Former Vol Jimmy Hahn is the East Tennessee Chapter's "Distinguished American" Award winner for 1997.

There is a story told about General Neyland's influence that may or not be true, but probably is.

Two ex-Vols were standing on the sidelines of a practice field when Gen. Neyland approached. One was smoking a cigar and quickly extinguished it and hid the remains before Gen. Neyland got close enough to see it.

The other looked and him and said simply: "You didn't have to do that. He doesn't have any control over you now."

The other said in response, equally simply: "You know that and I know that. I'm not sure he knows that." End of story.

The guys in Jimmy Hahn's era, in Ed Molinski's era and even before that, still talk about Gen. Neyland's influence and what it means. That's not too bad an endorsement of his influence. If Neyland were there to see Jimmy Hahn receive the Distinguished American Award, he would have to be proud of his former player. There's no doubt that would be the case anyway. Jimmy Hahn has made a difference, just as Gen. Neyland thought he would.

—Tom Mattingly

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A Look At The Vols...

Jerry Green Named Tennessee's New Head Basketball Coach!

Jerry Green, head coach at the University of Oregon, was named Tennessee's 15th head basketball coach in an afternoon press conference on April 1 at Thompson-Boling Arena.

Green, who had a 222-178 career mark in 14 seasons as a head coach at UNC-Asheville and Oregon, was introduced by Athletics Director Doug DIckey.

"We are pleased this afternoon to announce that Jerry Green has joined us as the head basketball coach at the University of Tennessee, " Dickey said.

"Throughout this process, one of my first objectives was to find a coach who could come in and coach this basketball team at a level of competition that he was accustomed to coaching wherever he was, and somebody who had the background and expertise to take this team to the next level of competition we're all looking for.

"I'm looking forward to having him lead this program, not only as an expert coach, but as a quality man we'll all be proud to have in our program."

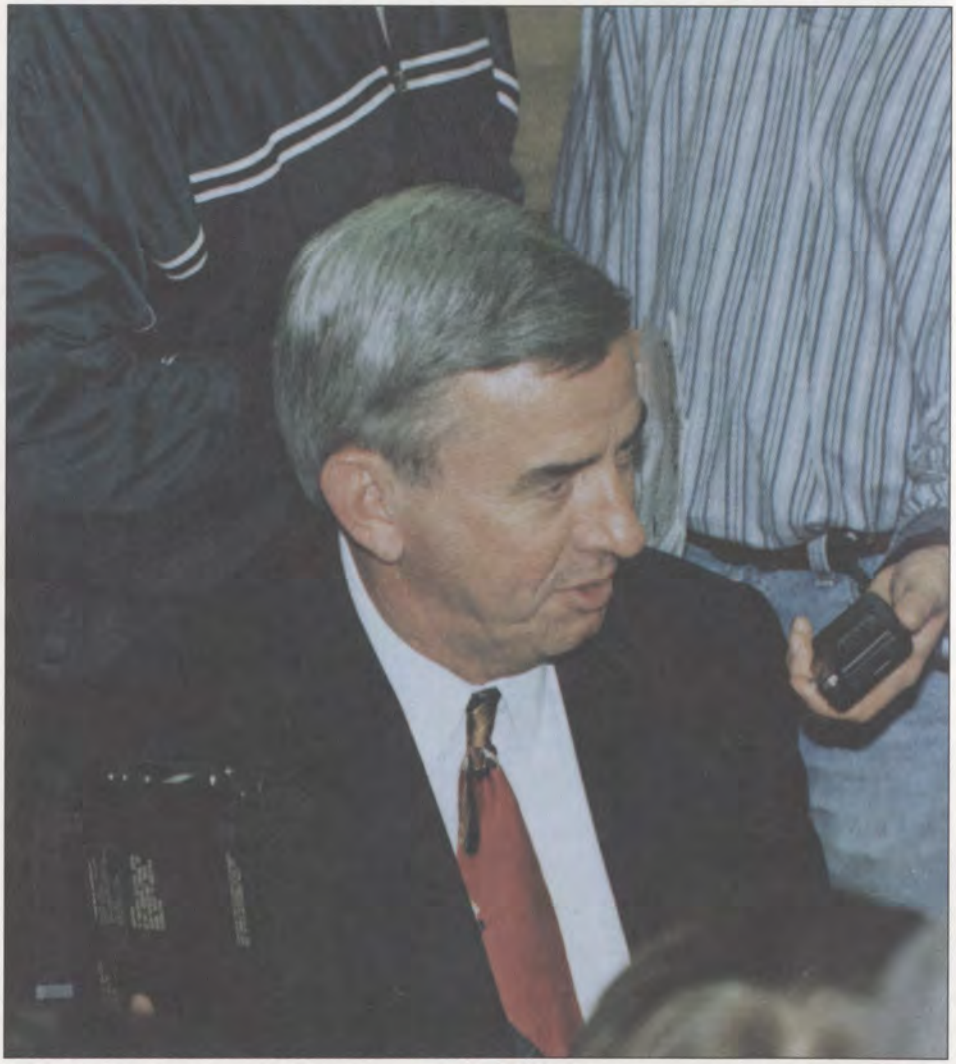
Green, 53, comes to Knoxville fresh off leading Oregon to three consecutive winning seasons for the first time in 19 years. He guided the ducks to a 17-11 mark this past season, a season that saw Oregon ranked as high as No. 17 nationally and begin the season 10-0, its best start in 22 years.

The Ducks defeated eventual national champion Arizona 78-72 and national power UCLA, 87-85 in overtime.

Here's what Green had to say when he accepted the job.

"If it's a surprise to you for me being here, it's also a surprise for me. I was in the job market a couple of years ago and looked at UNLV, but decided that it was not for me. There was a lot of interest from LSU, but I decided to withdraw my name about four weeks ago. This was kind of special, coming back to Tennessee, close to where I grew up.

"I always go places for people. I went to Kansas because of Roy Williams. I went to Oregon because of Bill Byrne, who's the athletic director now at the University of Nebraska.



Head basketball coach Jerry Green brings a 222-178 record to Tennessee, after stints at UNC-Asheville, Kansas and Oregon. Photo by Donnell Field.

I'm coming here because Doug Dickey asked me to come here. I really believe it's a special time for the University of Tennessee. It has struggled a little bit from what I understand for about the last 10 or 12 years. We have rebuilt everywhere we've ever been.

"The only two things I've ever promised anybody in a job is that we're going to play unbelievably hard and unselfishly. We're going to graduate our players and we're going to have a great attitude doing it. Our team is going to come together and we're going to represent this campus community in a very, very positive way. I just think that it's perfect timing.

"We'll throw it up next year and see how we do. The first thing we're going to do is solidify this basketball team as well as we possibly can. They are the most important people because they are the people we have in school. They are going to represent this school very positively. The second thing we're going to do is to travel and see the recruits that are still in high school that have signed or committed to the University of Tennessee.

"Since it is a contact evaluation period, we're going to go and look at some of the outstanding players in this area for future recruiting. Those are the plans.

"I feel great about everything and I feel even better about meeting these fine young men who are going to represent this campus community in the upcoming season.

"There is no reason that I can think of except with tradition within the last 10 years of the program, with the finances, the gym that it has, with the campus community, with the academics that it has, that Tennessee cannot play basketball at the top level. Believe me and trust me, I do know what it is like to play at that level."

On his association with Kansas Coach Roy Williams: "Roy used to come watch me play basketball at the University of North Carolina-Asheville and he thought I was the dirtiest basketball player he had ever seen. We got to know each other by working Coach Smith's camp at North Carolina for 15 years. We played golf and liked to 'x and o' together. Every time a job was mentioned for him, whether at George Mason, Mississippi State or Furman University, we would always talk because we knew we were going some place together.

"We do use a very similar system. I think Roy has kind of gone away from the formal North Carolina system a bit as has Eddie Fogler. At Oregon, we're probably a little more traditional North Carolina. What we're going to do here is find out what talents these young men have and look at every basketball game that was played this past year. Whatever strengths this team has is what we're going to go to. We'll set the program up to do that.

"We do like to run. If you added up the last two years in the Pac-10, you'll find that Oregon was the leading scoring team. I could've gone in and walked it down, but I wanted an exciting style. I wanted a style young men wanted to play.

"We did it because they were drawing about 2,000 people and you could have a conversation from one side of the court to the other while the game was going on. I don't want to put anybody down, but I wanted to form an exciting basketball style so that we sold the arena out. We've sold it out and you couldn't get a ticket for it the past few years. We've made a lot of money and the university needs to make a lot of money."

What attracted you about the Tennessee program? Is Thompson-Boling Arena a plus?

"I like the challenge of filling one of the largest, if not the largest, arenas in America. We filled ours up at the University of Oregon. If we can do it there, we can do it a lot of places. I did not come here to be mediocre. I would like to be very outstanding.

"We've been to the Final Four and got a taste of what that was in 1991. We practiced in front of 30,000 people. We played in front of about 45,000. We go to Southern Cal occasionally and they occasionally bring the curtains down, like they do here. The challenge is to get the curtains out of the way. To do that, you've got to get some students involved and I understand that that's a problem. Let me tell you this about our students. Our students are going to be the best asset we have in our basketball games. I'm never going to turn down a speaking engagement on any fraternity or group of people you can get together at this university.

Was he concerned he might not have been the No. 1 choice

"No. I'm the right choice. You can look at anybody you want, but until you offer it to the guy and he say yes, that's for me.

"The University of Tennessee has everything that it needs except with a little tradition the last 10 or 12 years, to be a national program. I look at it as an opportunity, not an obstacle.

"We have a saying, `Be lead by your dreams and not by your fears.' My dreams are to be back in that group that we just left up there [Indianapolis, site of NCAA Final Four] sometime in the Final Four, and I do not know when that is going to be. It could be soon depending on those guys in the short pants over there. They make a lot more points and play a lot better defense than I do."

— Compiled by Tom Mattingly

"THERE IS NO REASON THAT I CAN THINK OF EXCEPT WITH TRADITION WITHIN THE LAST 10 YEARS OF THE PROGRAM, WITH THE FINANCES, THE GYM THAT IT HAS, WITH THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY, WITH THE ACADEMICS THAT IT HAS, THAT TENNESSEE CANNOT PLAY BASKETBALL AT THE TOP LEVEL. BELIEVE ME AND TRUST ME, I DO KNOW WHAT IT IS LIKE TO PLAY AT THAT LEVEL."

— HEAD COACH JERRY GREEN

Lady Vols Bring Home Championship No. 5 A Conversation with the Coach

Sparta's Kellie Jolly was a key factor in the Lady Vols surge to the national championship.

EDITOR'S NOTE: In what had to be an Orange-letter moment wherever Tennessee fans were, the Lady Vols' surge to the 1997 national championship was one of those rare moments in sports where all the pieces of the puzzle fell together in exactly the right way and the result was the stuff of which dreams are made, memories that can be recounted year after year.

Perhaps given up for dead three, maybe four times during the season (even ESPN's Mike Patrick said so), Pat Summitt's team confounded the experts by racing through Grambling, Oregon, Colorado, No. 1-ranked Connecticut, Notre Dame and Old Dominion to claim the brass ring, the fifth since 1987. No one expected it, but the Lady Vols got it done and came home to a tumultuous welcome on Monday, March 31, at Thompson-Boling Arena.

We caught up with Coach Summitt two days later and discussed the varying emotions surrounding another national championship. Her office was filled with the accoutrements of success and Summitt described the myriad of feelings that had characterized this season. Here's what she told us in an exclusive interview for Volunteers Magazine.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: Does all this ever get old?

PAT SUMMITT: Every time we go and experience a national championship it's special. It seems like it's even more and more fun now with the sellouts and our fans. We had great fan support in Cincinnati, with the media and the television exposure. There's so much hype now. I like to be able to be a part of that so I can watch our kids. It's like the reward for working every day and running in the offseason and lifting to watch these young players finally get what they deserve.

"WE'RE TRYING TO PROMOTE THE GAME AND PUT PEOPLE IN THE SEATS. ONE OF THE BEST WAYS TO DO THAT IS NOT ONLY TO HAVE EXCITING PLAYERS BUT BRING IN EXCITING TEAMS. I'M PRETTY MUCH LOCKED INTO THAT PHILOSOPHY. THIS YEAR, I PUT IT TOGETHER WITH THE CONFIDENCE THAT OUR TEAM COULD HANDLE IT."

— PAT SUMMITT —

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: Have you ever had a season quite like this one?

PAT SUMMITT: I have, but it's been a long time, certainly not in the last 15 years. We were not supposed to be there. When we got there, we were not expected to win it, although I think people felt we could get in the championship game. I don't think anyone other than probably Tennessee fans really thought Tennessee's going to win this thing. Certainly, we weren't the favorite. Our team had a lot of ups and downs.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: Was there ever a time you thought you might not get there?

PAT SUMMITT: There were times I sat on the bench and I thought teams just overwhelmed us. I hadn't been in that position in an awful long time. Like what happened at Connecticut. They drove by us, just went through us like water. Our defense was nonexistent. I felt that way there and in the last five minutes against Stanford here. The whole game you knew Stanford was a superior team. At Old Dominion, I didn't feel that. I felt we were in that game. We just did not have anyone who was prepared to influence their point guard.

That changed in that championship game.

I'm thinking that, unless this team, overnight, develops an attitude, a desire and a competitiveness, we can't possibly get to Cincinnati.

The Louisiana swing about got me. It really hurt me. I was hurt. I was mad. I went through a lot of different emotions. I could not allow this team to give up. We're not giving up as a staff. I was really mad after the Auburn loss in the SEC Tournament. I thought we should have won that game. That motivated me. I thought we deserved to be in the championship game. When we came back, I gave them three days off. Our staff went in every day intense. I just said I love this time of year and I'm going to show my enthusiasm and my emotions on the court. The players responded immediately. With the exception of one day, they busted it every day.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: Was the return of Kellie Jolly a key factor in the surge to the title?

PAT SUMMITT: That's one of the reasons. I think Kellie has had a tremendous influence on this national championship run. UConn was her best game. At the same time, she could have been at the top of her game and the other people not followed. Pashen Thompson played her basketball of her career in the postseason. Abby Conklin snapped out of her shooting slump and really played probably the best she's played at both ends. Chamique Holdsclaw was Chamique. If you look at Kyra Elzy and Niya Butts defensively, we could not have won without their presence on the ball. Misty Green came off the bench and played her role to a "T."

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: Chamique Holdsclaw is obviously a special talent, just a great player in nearly all phases of the game. When ODU hit the halfcourt shot at the half, everybody probably wondered how the team would react. What did she tell you going off the court? You couldn't tell on television, but what was it?

PAT SUMMITT: She said, "Coach Summitt, I'll be ready the second half." She knew she had not shot the ball particularly well. Every time she touched the ball they doubleteamed her. She had nowhere to go off penetration. That was smart on their part to take away her penetration. I thought she took some quick shots. When they went up by two, you could just see the look in her eye we're not losing this game. She worked very well without the ball and she wanted the ball.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: How important was the stretch against ODU where the score was 55-51 and Jolly hit Holdsclaw for a hoop, followed up with a steal and another feed to Chamique for two more, stretching a four-point lead to eight?

PAT SUMMITT: I thought that had to be two big plays to give us confidence. In the whole scheme, you come down there and you can fold or you can make plays. Those back-to-back plays were big.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: Playing the No. 1 team in the country in a regional final had to be a challenge. The team was obviously ready. Comment on your feelings going into that game.

PAT SUMMITT: Before the UConn game, I felt really confident we could beat them. It was almost like I was afraid to let myself think that. When I saw how we started and finished that game, I thought we could win it all. I think our aggressiveness from the opening tip was a key for us in the Connecticut game and in the two Final Four games. I thought that was important.

Abby Conklin (left) and Pashen Thompson (right) ended up with two national championships during their time as Lady Vols.

VOLUNTEERS MAGAZINE: Year in and year out, your schedule is as tough, perhaps tougher, than any other school in then country. That obviously paid dividends this year.

PAT SUMMITT: I always believe we can win the game. During the season, I thought I was crazy, but I didn't tell the team that.

We're trying to promote the game and put people in the seats. One of the best ways to do that is not only to have exciting players but bring in exciting teams. I'm pretty much locked into that philosophy. This year, I put it together with the confidence that our team could handle it.

POSTSCRIPT: During an interview at the Final Four, Lady Vol player Brynae Laxton told the media about writing something on the board before each game. She didn't say what, so we asked Coach Summitt. Here's what she told us, in the process sharing a longtime Lady Vol tradition.

"Brynae writes, 'Let's Do It!'", Pat said. "That's a tradition we just hand down. When she graduates, she'll hand it down. That started back in 1980, with Cindy Ely, Debbie Groover and that group. It came down through Lynn Collins, Melissa McCray and the whole group." It must have worked. The Lady Vols got it done.

NCAA Box Scores

TENNESSEE (68)

Johnson 4-4 0-0 8, Holdsclaw 11-20 2-3 24, Thompson 4-4 0-3 8, Elzy 1-3 0-1 2, Jolly 1-6 2-2 5, Butts 4-7 0-0 8, Milligan 0-0 0-0 0, Greene 0-1 1-2 1, Laxton 0-0 0-0 0, Stephens 0-0 0-0 0, Conklin 4-5 2-2 12. Totals 29-49 7-13 68.

OLD DOMINION (59)

Andrade 2-7 0-0 4, Machanguana 7-13 2-2 16, Roberts 6-8 1-2 13, Himes 0-1 0-0 0, Penicheiro 4-13 2-2 10, Eller 2-4 0-0 5, Eblin 3-11 2-4 11, Small 0-0 0-0 0, Diaz 0-5 0-0 0, Bradley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-62 7-10 59.

Halftime Score: Tennessee 24, ODU 22. 3-Point Goals: Tenn- 3-5 (Conklin 2, Jolley 1); ODU 4-18 (Eblin 3, Eller 1). Rebounds: Tenn 29 (Holdsclaw 7); ODU 34 (Machanguana 10). Assists: Tenn 18 (Jolly 11); ODU 15 (Penicherio 8). Turnovers: Tenn 26, ODU 26. Total Fouls: Tenn 13; ODU 16. Fouled Out: Machanguana, Andrade.

TENNESSEE (80)

Johnson 3-7 0-2 6, Holdsclaw 13-25 5-6 31, Thompson 3-4 0-1 6, Elzy 4-10 6-8 14, Jolly 1-10 4-4 6, Butts 1-3 0-0 2, Greene 1-7 0-0 3, Laxton 0-0 0-0 0, Stephens 0-0 1-2 1, Conklin 4-5 0-0, 11. Totals 30-71 16-23 80.

NOTRE DAME (66)

Morgan 6-21 2-4 18, Bohman 2-4 2-2 6, Gaither 10-15 8-8 28, Peirick 3-8 0-0 7, Augustin 1-3 0-0 2, Mcmillen 1-5 0-0 3, Henderson 1-1 0-0 2, Hutchinson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-57 12-14 66.

Halftime Score: Tennessee 29, Notre Dame 28. 3-Point Goals: Tenn- 4-11 (Conklin 3, Greene 1); Notre Dame 6-16 (Morgan 4, Peirick 1, Mcmillen 1). Rebounds: Tenn 42 (Thompson, Elzy 9); Notre Dame 28 (Gaither 13). Assists: Tenn 13 (Jolly 9); Notre Dame 15 (Peirick, Augustin 4). Total Fouls: Tenn 17; Notre Dame 18. A - 16,714.

A Look At The Tennessee Diamond Vols!...

Vols Take 2 at Ole Miss

The Tennessee baseball squad was 26-7 on the season as they traveled to Oxford, Miss., for a weekend series with the Rebels. The Vols lost all three games against No. 1 ranked LSU only to bounce back and take two in a row during the week. The Vols hosted a hot hitting Western Carolina squad at Lindsey Nelson Stadium and then traveled to Johnson City for a Wednesday night game against East Tennessee State.

The LSU Tigers slugged three home runs as they defeated the then ranked No. 7 Volunteers 12-3 at Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

Micheal Cosgrove (5-2) suffered his second straight loss as he allowed 11 Tiger runs (six earned) on 13 hits with five strikeouts and one walk, while Kurt Keene had a good night at the plate slugging his seventh home run on the season and doubling in the second inning.

The Vols did not fare much better the second game as Tiger starting pitcher Doug Thompson went the distance, striking out 12, as LSU defeated Tennessee 7-2 before the largest crowd of the season at Lindsey Nelson Stadium (3337).

Folkers (3-1) took the loss as he allowed five Tiger runs (three earned) on seven hits with seven strikeouts. Eduardo Figueroa and Folkers each had two hits for the Vols.

The final game of the series saw Tennessee let LSU off the hook in the ninth with a runner on third, as LSU won the game in extra innings to sweep the Vols (a first against a Vol team at home in five seasons).

With the Tigers leading 6-3 in the ninth, the Vols mounted a furious rally and tied the game behind run scoring singles by Justin Ross and Jeff Pickler, and a sacrifice fly by Keene. It wasn't enough as the Tigers leading hitter, Eddy Furniss, singled to right in the 11th to plate the go-ahead run. Mathew Myers (5-2) took the loss, as he allowed both runs in the 11th as neither starting pitcher was a factor in the decision.

Tennessee returned to its winning ways as the No. 10 ranked Vols, keyed by third baseman Ron Cincera's seventh home run and three RBIs, snapped a three-game losing streak as they defeated the Western Carolina Catamounts, 10-8, at Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

Tennessee improved to 25-7 with the win as Ross put the Vols ahead for good in the eighth on a fielding error by the Catamounts. Cosgrove (6-2) picked up the win in relief of Jason Odom. Pinch hitter Travis Copley broke out of an 0-for-19 slump with a bases clearing double that gave the Vols an 8-5 lead in a four run seventh inning, after Keene tied the game with a single to right with the bases loaded.

The Vols looked to be starting off just fine as Cincera's two-run blast in the second spotted Tennessee a 2-0 lead, only to watch the Catamounts strike back and lead 5-4 going into the bottom of the seventh.

Jeff Pickler turns two in a recent game at Lindsey Nelson Stadium. Photo by Donnell Field.

The Vols' final tune-up before traveling to Ole Miss came against the Buccaneers of East Tennessee State. The Vols scored six runs in the first three innings and plated seven more in the top of the eighth to give the Vols a 13-3 win over the Bucs.

Figueroa paced the Tennessee attack, going 2-3 with a double, home run (1) and four RBIs. Myers (6-2) pitched seven innings giving up three runs on eight hits in picking up the win. With the win the Vols improved to 26-7, 6-6 SEC and hope to improve their standing in the SEC East when they play the Rebels of Ole Miss (15-16, 3-9 SEC).

Softball Stumbles On West Coast Trip, Posts Strong SEC Start

After a blistering start to its sophomore season, the Lady Vol softball team upped the ante and packed its bags for a 14-game Spring Break trip which included 10 contests on the left coast. Prior to the jaunt, UT split back-to-back doubledips at home with Florida then reeled off four straight wins in Athens over Georgia. Tennessee began the road swing with four wins over Auburn and Alabama. Yet struggled when it got to California. Playing 10 games in six days, the Lady Vols experienced their greatest success versus their better opponents. Against 10th-ranked Long Beach State, UT earned its first-ever victory over a top-25 foe by splitting with the 49ers, losing 2-0 and grabbing a 1-0 shutout victory. Three days later facing No. 26 Cal State-Northridge, Tennessee claimed a 4-0 win, before falling 6-5 in the nightcap.

The Lady Vols came home to host South Carolina for a four game set. The first two games of the series saw the Gamecocks sweep two in 1-0 games, giving South Carolina an NCAA record 38 consecutive wins. The Lady Vols abruptly ended that streak in the first of two games on Sunday as the Lady Vols won 6-1, only to drop the final game, again 1-0. The Lady Vols are now 28-16, 11-5 in the conference.

EXTRA INNINGS: The Vols moved to 28-8, 8-7 in the SEC by taking two of three at Miss. After a Friday night rainout, the Vols played a double header on Saturday winning the first 7-2 and then losing the nightcap 8-7. The Vols bounced back to take the series with a 9-4 win on Sunday. See line scores below for more detail.

LINE SCORES

TENN	**104**	**010**	**100**	**- 7**	**11**	**0**
OLE MISS	**000**	**010**	**010**	**- 2**	**7**	**3**

Cosgrove and Duckwiler. Duff, Rodgers (6), McShea (9) and Ceriani. WP- Cosgrove (7-2). LP- Duff (1-2). HR- UT- Ross (5), Folers (6).

TENN	**002**	**041**	**000**	**- 7**	**7**	**1**
OLE MISS	**001**	**401**	**20X**	**- 8**	**12**	**2**

Folker, Odom (7) and Anderson. Walker, Tolbert (5), Rogers (9) and Swan. WP- Tolbert (4-2). LP- Folkers (3-2). HR- OM- Eskra (5), Huisman (5), Entrekin (1).

TENN	**112**	**102**	**101**	**- 9**	**17**	**1**
OLE MISS	**000**	**000**	**013**	**- 4**	**6**	**3**

Hudson, Odom (6) and Duckwiler. McShea, Parsonage (3), DeYoung (4) and Swan. WP- Hudson (3-1). LP- McShea (2-3). HR- UT- Keene (8), Cincera (8).

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Tennessee Tradition...

Ben Byrd on the Vols "A Look at Spring Football Games Past"

Spring football games are not really games but controlled scrimmages. And the controls are usually pretty tight.

Coaches don't like to give away any secrets to scouts of teams that show up on the fall schedule. So the offensive package is almost always straight vanilla. We're not likely to see the halfback pass or the Statue-of-Liberty play. They save those for the real thing.

The same goes for the defense. It works out of a basic set, with few stunts or blitzes. Both sides, in effect, have one hand tied behind their backs.

And the control goes beyond the x's and o's. Quarterbacks, especially star quarterbacks, are exposed to as little of the mayhem as possible. They usually wear a different colored jersey to set them apart from the rest. Defenders are under orders not to inflict any damaging blows.

Who can argue with that? It would be the height of folly to push Peyton Manning, for instance, into the meatgrinder in Tennessee's upcoming Orange and White game. A whole season could be ruined in one violent moment.

It wasn't always that way. Back in the days when Bob Neyland's Vols stood so tall across the college football landscape, the spring game was an all-out war. Nobody was spared, not even the single wing tailback, who was more or less equivalent to today's T quarterback. Neyland chose to do most of the rough work in the spring and ease off a bit in the fall because he didn't want to take too many injury risks with opening day near at hand.

In the spring of 1938, Neyland's Vols waged one of the fiercest gridiron battles the old school has ever seen, although it wasn't called the Orange and White game then. It was simply the final practice session of the spring, and the doors were closed to the public. Only the coaches, players and a few people close to the program were on hand for the occasion.

No one is exactly sure how long the scrimmage, which was held under game conditions, actually lasted. But it went on long past the 60-minute limit for regulation contests, perhaps long enough for two full games. The squad was divided into two units, Wood's team and Cafego's team, taking their identities from the two top tailbacks, senior Babe Wood and junior George Cafego. And, of course, in that era of the limited substitution rule, players had to go both ways, offense and defense.

As might have been expected of a Neyland team, the defense dominated that May afternoon. Wood, one of the most colorful of all the ex-Vols, once told me that it was the longest, hardest days he ever spent on a football field.

"Nobody could score," the Babe recalled. "We kept going back and forth and neither team could get the ball across the goal line. Neyland finally said we would keep going till somebody scored."

Nobody seems to remember whether the scrimmage ended because one side was finally able to push the ball into the end zone or if it was halted by darkness. And by that stage, nobody cared.

"I can't remember any details," says John "Skeeter" Bailey, a blocking back on that squad. "All I can remember is that we were out there an awfully long time."

That scenario seems a little out of character for Neyland, who generally adhered to relatively short practices with a minimum of wasted motion. But the spring of `38 was a special time in his career. He had not had a truly outstanding team for several years, had lost a season when he was recalled to active duty in 1935, and was chomping at the bit to get Tennessee back to where it had been in the late 1920s and early `30s.

And this, he knew, could be the year. He not only had such standout veterans as Cafego, Wood, Bowden Wyatt, George Hunter, Bob Woodruff and Leonard Coffman returning; he also had his finest crop of sophomores in 10 years. He wanted to take a long look at guards Bob Suffridge and Ed Molinski, tackle Abe Shires, end Ed Cifers, wingback Bob Foxx and others. That brutal, punishing spring game 59 years ago helped lay the groundwork for Tennessee football's greatest era, the three straight unbeaten and untied seasons of 1938, `39 and `40.

Former Vol

Bill Wright (1943, 47)

Bill Wright was a Vol hoopster who compiled an impressive statistical resume without making a big fuss about it. It was said of him that he played the game the way it was meant to be played without making a big deal about it.

He was part of the 1942-43 SEC Championship team which compiled a 14-4 overall record, 6-3 in the SEC.

He made another mark on Vol athletics, serving as head baseball coach from 1963-81, with an overall mark of 408-308-2, 178-156 in the SEC. The Vols were SEC East champs in 1966 and 1970.

He is retired now and lives in Knoxville.

Coach Bill Wright stands with Pat Swallows, president of the Tennessee Baseball Coaches Association, holding the trophy representing his induction into the Tennessee Baseball Hall of Fame. Photo by Donnell Field.

The T-Club Room is Vol lettermen's home away from home.

Dear Vol Letterman

Congratulations!

On behalf of the Lettermen's Club I would like to congratulate the Lady Vols on winning back-to-back NCAA championships and their fifth under the tutelage of head coach Pat Summitt. We believe that she did her best coaching job this past season, a season which many observers believed was a rebuilding season. When you rebuild with a national championship, that always sets a high standard for many other schools to follow.

Coach Summitt is a class act in the best program in America. Our congratulations to Coach Pat Summitt, her staff and her squad for such an outstanding performance in Cincinnati.

We should not forget the performance that Coach John Trembley and his swimming and diving squad put forth in Indianapolis, finishing 5th in the country for a second straight year. Your program is a symbol of class and integrity and we congratulate you, your staff and the squad on an undefeated dual-meet season (19 consecutive dual-meet wins).

As always, we appreciate the contributions each of our Lettermen have made and continue to make to the Tennessee tradition.

Sincerely,

Billy Henry

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This Week In Big Orange Country

Vols Finish 5th at NCAA's

In wrapping up a season that included a 10-0 finish in dual-meets and a runner-up performance at the tough Southeastern Conference meet, the Tennessee swimming and diving team grabbed a hard-fought fifth-place finish at the NCAA Championships in Minneapolis, Minn. It was the school's second fifth-place national finish in as many seasons; as, with 235.5 points, the Volunteers edged out sixth-place Southern California. John Trembley's tankmen rounded out a top five that included three teams from the rugged SEC.

Jeremy Linn, a junior from Harrisburg, Pa., claimed individual NCAA championships in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke to lead the Tennessee attack. With his prolific performance, Linn became the first Volunteer to win two individual titles at one NCAA event since Andy Coan won the 100 and 200 freestyle in 1979. He is also only the fourth Vol to double individually at the national championships, joining UT legends David Edgar, Coan and Trembley.

Linn obliterated the field in winning the 200 breaststroke Saturday in a time of 1:55.27. With that performance, he bested the school record time (1:55.42) he established at the Southeastern Conference Championships in February and put more than one second between himself and the rest of the field.

Evan Stewart took second in both the one and three-meter diving events, and set a school record on the low board with his 590.10-point effort. UT also picked up three top-five finishes in relay events to solidify its place in the final standings.

In all, Tennessee set a pair of school records -- Stewart's one-meter mark and Linn's time of 1:55.27 in the 200 breaststroke -- and picked up a total of 20 All-America and 19 honorable mention All-America honors at the 1997 NCAA Championships.

Individually, Stewart led UT's effort on the one-meter springboard with his runner-up finish. The senior from Harare, Zimbabwe, two time NCAA champ on the three-meter board, wound up with the school-record one-meter score of 590.10. Fellow senior Adam Terrell took 12th on the low board with his 487.70-point performance.

UT's 400 medley relay team of Craig Gilliam, Jeremy Linn, Adam Engle and Casey Quilter -- second-place finishers at the SEC Championships -- shaved over one second off its season-best time with an effort of 3:10.79. The finish was good for fourth behind Auburn, Stanford and Texas.

Evan Stewart placed 2nd in both the 1M and 3M diving competition at the NCAA Championships.

Tennessee also saw Stewart follow up his second-place finish in one-meter diving with a another second-place performance in the three-meter event. Stewart posted a season-best score of 632.80 to take his second runner-up spot in as many days. The senior's performance ranks just off the school standard he set at the 1995 NCAA Championships (655.40).

In the 200 medley relay, Tennessee's Gilliam, Linn, Engle and Crowley got to the wall in 1:26.08 to take third, while Auburn erased UT's US Open record with a first-place time of 1:25.40.

Meanwhile, Matt Hall rebounded from a somewhat disappointing qualifying time to win the 400 individual medley consolation finals race. The freshman from Lexington, N.C., school record-holder in the event, took ninth overall with his time of 3:50.36.

Tennessee's effort got a big lift in the 100 backstroke, as the Vol trio of Gilliam, Justin Thornton and McNew took eighth, ninth and 13th-place finishes.

—Kevin Marina

All-Americas At It Again

In 21 years, the Lady Vols have had eight tennis All-Americas, this season Coach Mike Patrick has two on his roster. Thirteen All-America honors have been bestowed upon Lady Vol tennis players. In in the last two seasons, juniors Margie Lepsi and Manisha Malhotra have collected three of those certificates. Not since 1992, when current UT assistant coach Mandy Wilson and doubles partner Shannon Kagawa earned the distinction, have two Lady Vols been bestowed the honor. You have to go back to 1981 when you can last find a time when the Lady Vol roster was dotted with an All-America in singles and another in doubles. And this year, they are at it again.

"With the addition of some new players next year to add to our returnees, as a team we hope to finish in the top 10 and have the two of them win a national title," Patrick said. Those goals are well within reach.

For the second straight year Malhotra is playing at the top of the ladder in both singles and doubles. Lepsi, who became the first Lady Vol to win All-America honors in both singles and doubles, sits at No. 2 singles. In addition, both have succeeded on the court as well as the classroom, where they have each earned Academic All-SEC accolades.

Margie Lepsi is a big reason the Lady Vols went on a five match unbeaten streak as well as helping propel them into the Top 20 rankings.

The year 1996 was a breakthrough year for Malhotra, who rocketed to the top of the Rolex Collegiate Rankings in both singles (No. 38) and doubles (No. 17). This season, she owns a 28-12 singles mark and is 74-41 for her career. As the No. 13-ranked player in the NCAA, she has defeated nine players ranked in the top fifty, including Vicky Maes of Arizona, Marianne Vallin of UNLV and Cristina Moros of Texas who were No. 7, No. 12 and No. 12 at the time of their matches. In the fall, she advanced to the quarterfinals of the Rolex All-American Championships, where she fared well against some of the top players in the country.

Meanwhile her doubles partner Lepsi, is in position to be the first-ever female tennis player at UT to earn All-American accolades in each of her four years. Lepsi, who succeeded the No. 1 singles position to Malhotra last year after an outstanding freshman campaign in 1995. She currently sits at No. 55 nationally and nearly mirrors Malhotra with a 70-41 career mark. After a stellar freshman year, where Lepsi exceeded all expectations and fashioned a 31-11 singles record, ending the year with a No. 16 national ranking, she entered her sophomore campaign netting a preseason No. 5 ranking.

In doubles, the tandem has been ranked as high as No. 2 in the nation, which they accomplished last year, but currently sits fourth. Along the way, they defeated the former No. 7 and No. 8 tandems, including exacting revenge on California's Amanda Augustus and Francesca La'O who knocked them out of the NCAA Tournament last spring.

Although the duo had only been playing together one year when they were seeded in the 1996 NCAA Tournament, even bigger things are expected of them in the next two NCAA's.

—Brad Laux

Meet Some Volunteer Student-Athletes Who Had an Outstanding Fall Semester

On National-Athlete Day, April 6, the University of Tennessee Men's and Women's Athletic Departments proudly saluted all the Volunteers with a 3.0 GPA for Fall Semester 1996 and/or a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.

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Chris West

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Dirk Daniel
Jason Echols
Boomer Erick
Lans Slack
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Brendan Crawley
Adam Engle
Matt Hall
Jeff McDaniel
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Rob Strauber
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Juan Gamboa
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Jesus Fernandez
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Christopher Lewis
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VASF News and Notes

Compiled by Steve Sams

Ticket Office Phone System

The ticket office in Thompson-Boling Arena has installed a new phone system to handle more calls. The old phone number is being slowly phased out. To reach the ticket office, please call (423) 656-1200, or in Tennessee only (800) 332-VOLS. Callers are greeted with a recorded message giving the phone numbers for Tickets Unlimited (for concerts), Athletic Development office (VASF), and the Volunteer Infoline.

EdSouth was a proud sponsor of Orange and White day on April 19. Photo by Donnell Field.

Volunteer Infoline

The Volunteer Infoline is updated every day; it contains information about approximate game times, ticket prices, ticket availability, deadline reminders, and even future schedules. It is a valuable number to remember when you just need to know a quick fact about an upcoming game. The number is (423) 974-9100.

Season Football Ticket Renewals

Renewal applications for season football tickets have been mailed. They must be returned (postmarked) by May 1, with no exceptions, in order to retain seating priority on your present seats.

Be sure to retain the top portion of the ticket renewal form for your records. Remember that season tickets will be sent in August via United Parcel Service and require a street address and adult signature for delivery.

New Season Football Ticket Applications

Applications for new season football tickets have been sent to all eligible donors. They also need to be returned (postmarked) by May 1 for best chance at being filled. Seating allocations are based upon donor level and availability (example a $2,500 donor ordering two tickets has priority over a $2,500 donor ordering four tickets). Individuals wishing to sit together should submit their applications together. The priority used for seat allocation will be that of the lowest priority member of the group.

Season Football Ticket Changes

Donors requesting seating changes for 1997 football should send the specific change request in a letter directed to Marianne Lindsay. The letter needs to be kept with the ticket application. Seating change requests will be filled if possible based upon availability and donor level.

Lost Football Season Ticket Applications

If you have not yet received your season ticket renewals for 1997, please contact the Office of Athletic Development at (423) 974-1218.

Football Season Parking Applications

Applications and renewals for donation-based season parking passes will be mailed in the last part of May. Contact Claire Stone in the Office of Athletic Development for more information.

Tennessee Baseball Comes to Chattanooga

On Wednesday, April 23, the BaseVols will travel to Chattanooga to face the Blue Raiders of Middle Tennessee State University at Engel Stadium at 7 p.m.. The game is a home game for the Blue Raiders, but was moved due to an agreement between both MTSU and the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. This gives Tennessee fans from the Chattanooga area a chance to see both the BaseVols and the Blue Raiders in action.

This small Vol receives a free baseball from a Diamond Girl. Every Sunday is Fan Appreciation Day at Lindsey Nelson Stadium. Photo by Donnell Field.

In conjunction with the game, the Chattanooga Big Orange Club is sponsoring a pre-game cookout from 5:30 until 7 p.m. at Engel Stadium. Plenty of hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, popcorn, ice cream and soft drinks will be served along with a general admission ticket to the game. Tickets are $6.50. Head Baseball Coach Rod Delmonico, his staff and several players will also make a pre-game appearance before they take the field.

The Last Word...
"CONDREDGE HOLLOWAY"

Could it have really been 25 years ago that Condredge Holloway made his Neyland Stadium debut as a varsity Vol. It's right there on the calendar and the calendar doesn't lie.

The day was May 6, 1972, when Condredge appeared with the rest of the Vol varsity on the artificial turf of turf on Shields-Watkins Field for the annual spring game. Condredge was a sophomore (freshmen weren't eligible for the varsity in 1971, his rookie season on campus) and had spent his freshman year impersonating various Vol opponents on the scout squad.

His play in freshman games led Vol fans to realize he was the "real thing." The rookie Vols were 4-1 that season, losing only at Stoll Field in Lexington, a game in which Holloway didn't play because of an injury. He did lead the Vols to victories in yearling contests against Alabama and Notre Dame (and heralded Tom Clemens) and Vol fans couldn't wait to see him under center in an Orange jersey, the now-famous No. 7.

Talk about your pressure-filled debuts.

His varsity game was on national television against Georgia Tech at Grant Field in Atlanta. His second game was the first night game in Vol history, a 28-21 win over Penn State as the largest crowd in Tennessee football history to that time, a throng of 71,634 looked on in amazement as what he could do with a football under his arm.

There was a two-page spread in Sports Illustrated the next week, complete with color photos. It was that way the rest of his career with the Vols.

He was a Houdini in an orange shirt, a "now you see him, now you don't" type quarterback, who could extricate himself from seemingly impossible situations and make things happen in a scattered secondary.

"I never wanted to be a quarterback pioneer," he said after his Atlanta debut. "I just wanted to be a quarterback. I never went on the field thinking about being a black quarterback. I was thinking about two-two coverages and checkoffs and how hot it was out there."

He was simply amazing. Vol coach Bill Battle and the coaches who had to devise game plans against Holloway had to work overtime to figure out ways to describe him fully.

"When guys are coming to tackle you, the natural reaction is to avoid them," he said. "Some people say it takes ability. I'm not sure that's the word.

"You can have ability, but if you don't react quickly enough, it doesn't matter. But you can react quickly enough even when you don't have the ability and still get by. That's the big thing. It's 100 percent reaction."

Two examples should suffice. The Vols trailed Clemson 28-27 in 1974 and the Vols had just scored and were going for two points to win the game. Condredge rolled left toward the South end, looking for wideout Larry Seivers. The Tigers blocked all avenues and Holloway headed back to his right, to the west side, crossing the 25 yardline as he did so. The Tigers appeared to have him hemmed up — the operative word here is "hemmed" — so he headed back to the left and somehow (don't ask how) found Seivers in the back of the end zone for the game-clinching two points.

(The hardest part of the whole play was Seivers trying to escape the clutches of Gus Manning at the end line. but that's another story.)

You can fast forward to the Vanderbilt game a few weeks later for Holloway engineering the Vols to an improbable tie with the Commodores at rain swept and C-O-L-D Dudley Field. In the final minute, Condredge parted the waters, leading the Vols to a score and then finding Seivers at the back line, North end, for two points and a 21-21 tie.

He and defensive back Jim Watts were the 1974 captains.

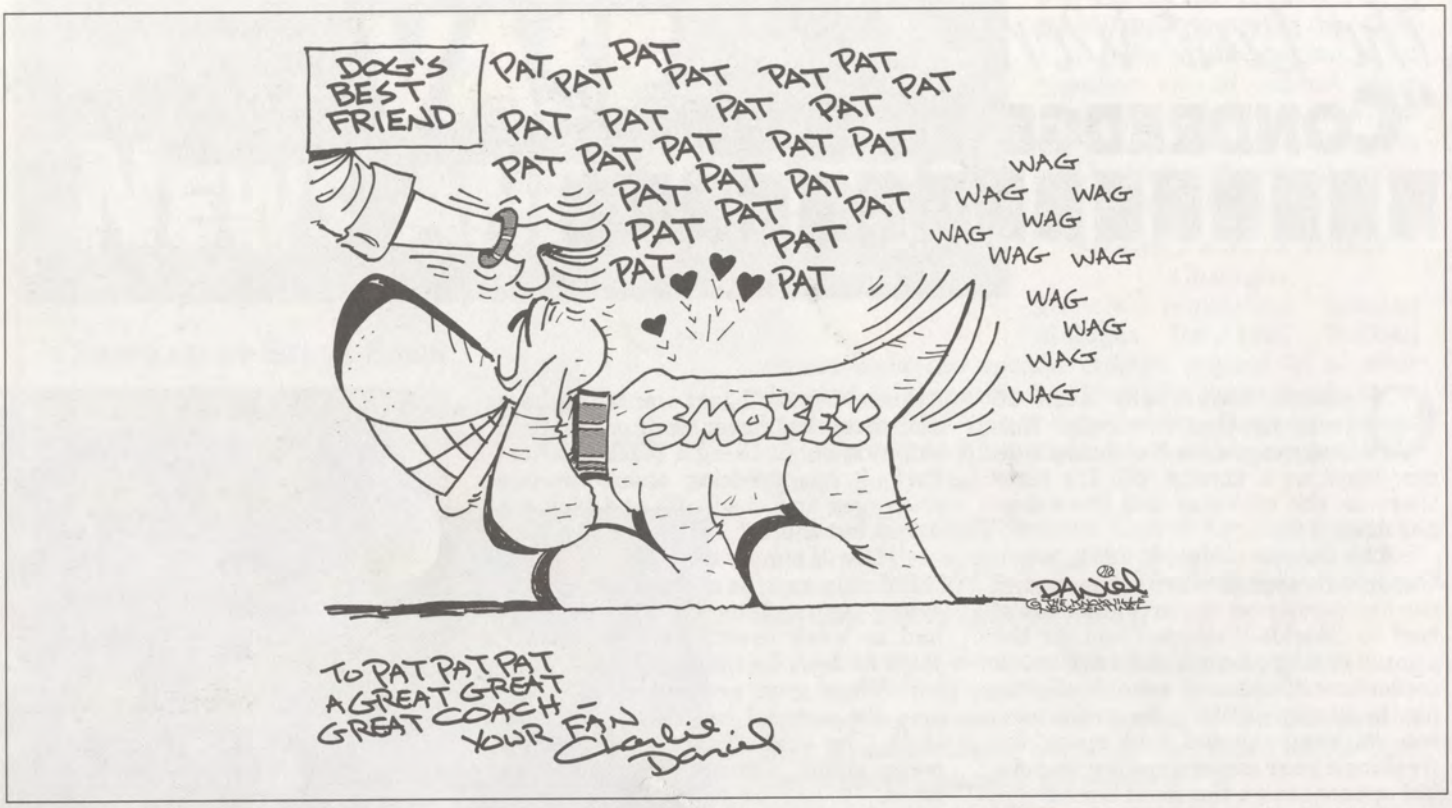
Condredge Holloway was a sight to behold under center during his Tennessee career (1972-74).

You want stats. You got 'em. He had 966 yards rushing and 3102 passing for a total of 4068, sixth best mark in Vol history. He led the team in total offense three straight years (1972-74). He has the 10th best passing mark in Vol history, hitting 238 of 407 aerials for the afore-mentioned 3102 yards and 18 scores. He threw an 81-yard pass to tight end Tommy West against Vanderbilt in 1974, the longest nonscoring aerial in Vol history.

When he was named quarterback on the "100 Years of Volunteers Team" back in 1990, he laughed. Not a deep belly laugh but one of surprise. Then he made his point.

"I'm honored that people would think that. I just went out and played and enjoyed myself. The legend stuff is for the fans. A legend to me is Coach Cafego."

Vol fans would disagree. Condredge Holloway is one of the great names in Vol football. It all began 25 years ago in the Orange and White game. By the way, his White team won by a 20-7 count. That's the way it was, 25 years ago.



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